

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 2; the label "BMS" has been changed to "BM-SC".

Attachment: Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 19-36 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention; no new matter has been added. Claims 19-36 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections – Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings on the asserted basis that “the system recited in claims 32 and 33, and the receiver recited in claims 34-36 must be shown or the feature(s) cancelled from the claim(s).” The Applicants traverse the objection.

Figure 2 has been amended to change “BMS” to “BM-SC” to correspond to the description relating thereto. According to the detailed description, “FIG. 2 shows the time sequence of the sent messages between the BM-SC server and the user, Mobile Terminal MT.” Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the novel functions performed by the means elements of the “system” claimed in claims 32 and 33 can be embodied in the conventional hardware of a BM-SC server; as noted at paragraph [0005] of the published application, a “[d]etailed description of the BM-SC is given in 3GPP TR 23.846 ‘Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Architecture and Functional Description’.” Similarly, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the novel functions performed by the means elements of the “receiver” claimed in claims 34-36 can be embodied in the conventional hardware of, for example, a mobile terminal. Because the novelty of the present invention resides in those functions, and the signaling relating thereto between a BM-SC server (*i.e.*, the claimed “system”) and a mobile terminal (*i.e.*, the claimed “receiver”), the illustration of suitable conventional hardware, known to those skilled in the art, is not necessary. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st ¶

The Examiner rejected claims 19-36 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement on the asserted basis that they contain subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and practice the invention. The Applicants traverse the rejection.

The Applicants have amended the claims to clarify that multi-channel multicast groups are established, and that an announcement multicast group is used to inform terminals about the availability and configuration of the multi-channel multicast groups. Those claims limitations are disclosed, for example, in paragraphs [0035] – [0041].

With respect to the Examiner's assertion that the specification fails to provide any "concrete disclosure of the system and the receiver" recited in claims 32-36, the Applicants again note that those skilled in the art will appreciate that the novel functions performed by the means elements of the "system" claimed in claims 32 and 33 and the "receiver" claimed in claims 34-36 and can be embodied in the conventional hardware of a BM-SC server and a mobile terminal, respectively. Because the novelty of the present invention resides in those functions, and the signaling relating thereto between a BM-SC server (*i.e.*, the claimed "system") and a mobile terminal (*i.e.*, the claimed "receiver"), as disclosed in the specification and illustrated in the figures, the disclosure is enabling.

4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶

The Examiner rejected claims 19-36 as being indefinite. The Applicants have amended those claims to address the Examiner's specific rejections and requests for clarification.

The Applicants have amended claim 19 to change "said A method" to "said method," as suggested by the Examiner. A similar typographical error has been corrected in claim 20 as identified by the Examiner. The Applicants have also corrected the error in the dependency of claim 25 identified by the Examiner. The Applicants, therefore, request that the rejections relating to those claims be withdrawn.

The Applicant has also amended claim 19, and analogous limitations in claims 32 and 34, to clarify the meaning of the term "providing." In the first instance, "providing" has been changed to "establishing," which conforms to the Examiner's impression that the function performed relates to the formation of a multi-channel multicast group. The second occurrence of the term "providing" in claim 19, and analogous limitations in claims 32 and 34, has been maintained as it accurately reflects that the multi-channel multicast groups that are established are then provided by an announcement multicast group, which informs about the availability and configuration of the multi-channel multicast groups to terminals. The Applicants believe the amendments to the claims address the Examiner's impressions of the proper understanding of the invention and, therefore, request that the rejection of the claims as indefinite be withdrawn.

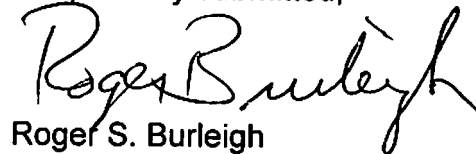
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all objections and rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 19-36.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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